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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6985**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1362

**NOTE PREPARED:** Feb 3, 2009

**BILL AMENDED:** Feb 2, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Emergency Workers.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Bischoff

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** CR Adopted - 1<sup>st</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) *Volunteer Firefighting*. This bill provides that the weekly indemnity due to a volunteer firefighter who becomes totally disabled as a result of the member's volunteer firefighting duties is, after June 30, 2009, at least \$262 and after July 23, 2009, at least the Indiana minimum wage computed on the basis of a 40-hour week, for up to a maximum of 260 weeks.

*Emergency Medical*. The bill provides for certain death benefit insurance for an emergency medical services personnel who is a member of a volunteer fire department who dies in the line of duty. It extends medical treatment and burial expense provisions of the worker's compensation law to an emergency medical services personnel who is a member of a volunteer fire department. The bill allows units to procure certain insurance benefits to an emergency medical services personnel who is a member of a volunteer fire department. It provides for certain limited civil liability for emergency medical services personnel. It also makes technical corrections.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2009.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** (Revised) *Volunteer Firefighting and Emergency Medical*. The bill could increase expenditures for insurance premiums for local units. The specific impact is indeterminable and will depend on current coverage provided by each local unit.

Expenses incurred for insurance premiums are paid form the general fund of the unit.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** All units except counties.

**Information Sources:**

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